

SOCIETY

SKETCHES FROM LIFE -- By Temple



"Noon Business Meeting"

visiting her sister, Miss E. V. Doggins, at Warsaw.

Mrs. J. A. Brockenbrough, who has been at the Stuart Circle Hospital here, has returned to her home in Warsaw.

F. Earle Graves, who has been spending some time in the North, recently joined Messrs. Dave Catron and Hugo Teller at Ocean View, and will return to Richmond on Wednesday.

AMUSEMENTS

Changes in Lyric Bill.

Two changes in the list of attractions heretofore announced for the first half of the week at the Lyric were announced last night by Manager Denman. One of the new acts secured for the bill opening to-day is Daniel Josephus, the Clown Seal, whose remarkable exhibition was first given here about eighteen months ago. Daniel Josephus has a number of new tricks, but is working with his old trainer and ringmaster, Raji Huling, the East Indian. The other new act is the comedy performance of Bogert and Nelson, character comedians, who promise a great laugh-making turn. The big feature of the show will be Toots Paka, a native Hawaiian, who will sing the Hawaiian chanted and dance, and his company of native Hawaiian vocalists and instrumentalists. Miss Paka's hula-hula dance is featured in the act. Gert and Dolly, juggling comedians, are bringing a novelty that has scored heavily this season, and Burley and Burley, recently of the English music hall, are bringing a novelty, who do "a little bit of everything," which includes songs, dances and grotesque acrobatics. Some interesting films of the tropics, the Mexican border and the latest releases of the Selig-Tribune service, including European war pictures, will be shown in the motion picture supplement to the Lyricville bill.

THOMAS M. PATTERSON DIES AT HOME IN DENVER

Former U. S. Senator From Colorado and Democratic Leader of National Prominence.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DENVER, Colo., July 23.—Former United States Senator Thomas M. Patterson died here to-night. He was a Democratic leader of national prominence, for a long time owner of the Rocky Mountain News, and a close friend of William Jennings Bryan.

Mr. Patterson was born in Ireland, November 4, 1849. When nine years old, the family moved to New York, where they remained for a few years before removing their home to Crawfordville, Ind.

At the age of fourteen, Thomas began work in a printing shop and afterward assisted his father in the jewelry business. Later he entered Washburn College, where he won the degree of A. B. Then he read law, and after his admission to the bar formed a partnership with Judge J. R. Cowan.

Mr. Patterson moved to Denver, and after holding local political positions was elected, in 1874, as the territorial representative of Colorado, then a territory, in Congress. It was largely through his efforts that Colorado was admitted as a State, in 1876.

He served through the forty-third and forty-fourth sessions of Congress, and retired to resume the practice of law. In 1892, Mr. Patterson bought the controlling interest of the Rocky Mountain News. He led the Democratic party and was delegate to the Populist convention in St. Louis in 1896, when Bryan was endorsed for President. Following his election as United States Senator in 1901, Mr. Patterson announced he had rejoined the Democratic party.

Mr. Patterson married Miss Kate Crofton, a granddaughter of Alexander Campbell, in Watertown, N. Y., in 1861.

EPIDEMIC DECLINES

Marked Decrease in Number of Deaths and New Cases of Infantile Paralysis.

NEW YORK, July 23.—A marked decline in the infantile paralysis epidemic was reported by the Board of Health to-day, the figures for the twenty-four hours ending at 10 A. M. being 115 new cases and twenty-three deaths, as compared with 135 new cases and thirty-nine deaths for the preceding twenty-four hour period.

Brooklyn, which has been the scene of the greatest ravages of the disease, showed the largest decrease in new cases, to-day's figures being fifty-eight against eighty-two for the twenty-four hours ending Sunday at 2 A. M.

Health officials have much optimism, it was said to-night, that the poorer sections of the city, where mothers and fathers contest removal of their children to hospitals, where they may be better cared for, and by isolation, aid in preventing the spread of the plague.

PETERSBURG PREPARES TO ENTERTAIN VETERANS

City Hopes to Make Visit of Boys in Gray in October Memorial Reunion.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

Meeting of South Chesterfield Association Will Be Held To-Night. Question of Courthouse Removal Comes Up Before Supervisors.

PETERSBURG, Va., July 23.—The members of the Executive Committee, Charles T. Lassiter, chairman, appointed a committee for the reception and entertainment of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans in October, who have been assigned to certain parts of the work, as follows, with authority to appoint their own committees: From A. P. Hill Camp—Dr. William E. Harwood, chairman, printing and decorations. From Sons of Veterans—D. A. Lyon, Jr., chairman, homes and reception; S. D. Rogers, chairman, publicity; From T. P. A.—W. T. Baugh, chairman, entertainment. From Chamber of Commerce—W. M. Martin, chairman, transportation and quartermaster. From Retail Merchants' Association—Samuel W. Zimmer, chairman, financial. From Fair Association—J. Spooner, Esq., parade and automobiles. The intention is to make the coming meeting of the Grand Camp in Petersburg a notable one in all respects.

Another meeting of the South Chesterfield Road Association will be held on Monday night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. The members of the association are working actively for the improvement and development of this section of the county, and especially for the improvement of the Turnpike Road. Some of the members favor a concrete road for the road for several miles out of Petersburg, and all are interested in the proposed new bridge across the Appomattox. The association has a large and growing membership. To-morrow night various committees will be announced and important matters considered. A large amount of money has already been expended in valuable improvements in this section of the county.

Chesapeake Conference. The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Chesapeake County is scheduled for to-morrow. At this time the question of building a new courthouse on the site of the present one will be under consideration. Representatives from Elkridge and from the District will be present to oppose the building of a new courthouse. The matter will be further deferred.

Increase in Postal Savings. Great increase is shown in the postal savings deposits in the Petersburg post-office. Of the offices having between \$20,000 and \$100,000 on deposit, one showed gains of 100 per cent or more during the year ending June 30, 1916. Petersburg stands fifth on this list, with an increase of 215 per cent to its credit. On the day that Postmaster Barham came into office, April 16, 1914, the postal savings deposit was \$3,683; yesterday it was \$72,036, and at times the account has ranged from \$80,000 to \$100,000.

Office Robbed. The office of the Purdy Company's plant was robbed last night of \$50 in money and two checks for small amounts. The plant is operated day and night, and at night is in charge of a watchman. Two parties, white men, suspected of having committed the robbery, have left the city, but the police are on their trail.

News Notes of Interest. Dr. and Mrs. William Pilcher left last night on a two weeks' trip to the West. Dr. Pilcher will attend the meeting of the National Dental Association of Louisville, Ky. Dr. A. O. James will also attend the convention. Rev. Charles R. Stribling, Charles R. Stribling, Jr., Dr. C. T. Jones, John Moyer and Miss Agnes Moyer are at Natural Bridge. In a quarrel with his wife this afternoon at their home, in Plum Street, Emmett Blackwell shot her, inflicting a painful flesh wound. He then made his escape.

Harding's of Second Coming of Christ to Earth. DURHAM, N. C., July 23.—Decendence of the church of God, the European war and rumors of Mexican strife are harbingers of the second coming of Christ to earth, according to Dr. W. H. Wharton, noted evangelist and Baptist minister of Baltimore, who preached to-day. Finery and frills are of dominant interest to present-day people, said the Baltimore evangelist.

Bible Students Meet. NORFOLK, July 23.—The International Bible Students Association, with 800 members in attendance, representing practically every State in the Union, began a nine days' convention here last night. To-day's sessions of the body were devoted to addresses by leaders and were open to the public.

Miniature Almanac. JULY 24, 1916. HIGH TIDE: Sun rises 5:05 a.m. Morning 12:07 p.m. Sun sets 7:21 p.m. Evening 1:52 p.m.

CONFERENCE UNDER WAY Sunday School and Church Workers From Richmond Are Taking Active Part.

MONTREAT, N. C., July 23.—A conference on Sunday school and young people's work in connection with the Presbyterian Summer Assembly here began to-day, and will continue through the week. Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D., of Richmond, the newly elected superintendent of Sabbath school and young people's work of the Southern Presbyterian Church, is in charge of the meeting. The meeting is held to train both teachers and pupils for more efficient work in the Sunday school, and there will be three sessions daily. Those participating in the program include Rev. Walter W. Moore, D. D., president of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond; Rev. Charles R. Erdman, D. D., of Princeton Theological Seminary, Richmond; and Misses Anna Branch Blinn, Katherine Hawes, Elizabeth M. Shields and Cornelia MacGill, all of Richmond.

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GERMANY'S ACT FORCES BIG SCARCITY IN FOOD

Belgium Unable to Get Adequate Supplies Owing to Shortage in Ships.

ROTTERDAM, July 23.—In connection with the food riots in several cities in Belgium and Northern France, which have been suppressed, interesting light is shed on the general food situation.

Under a recent arrangement effected by the entente governments an amount of native foodstuffs from Poland must be shipped to England equivalent to the amount shipped from Holland to Germany, as a condition under which the Dutch are permitted to continue the importation of fodder for their cattle. Recently the British government offered to turn over its share of native Dutch products to the relief commission for export to Belgium and Northern France.

The latter region has been dependent entirely for some time on Holland for its limited supply of meats and fats. The German government thereupon forbade such exports on the ground that diversion of Dutch food to the relief areas permitted England to escape the expense it would be under if the food went to that country. On top of this prohibition came the announcement that the German government had vetoed the plan by which the Holland-Lloyd Line was expected to provide ample tonnage for the relief commission, by running under the protection of all belligerent navies a number of German vessels now interned in America. For several months the commission has been able to procure tonnage sufficient to transport only 70 per cent of the food necessary to maintain rations sufficient to keep in health the needy populations of the relief areas. German officials base refusal to concede to the use of these ships on the theory that the shortage should be made up by the allies. At the present time the shipping requirements of the commission are being supplied as far as possible by the allies, who have given relief ships preference over all except military transport vessels. Even with the assistance of allied and neutral ships, the commission is still embarrassed by shortage. It endeavored to supply the deficiency of 30 per cent by means of the arrangement with the Holland-Lloyd, which provided for remunerative rates for the owners of the German ships.

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ORANGE BOOK IS ISSUED BY DUTCH GOVERNMENT

Vividly Illustrates Difficulties With Which Holland Has Had to Deal.

COVERS NINE MONTHS' PERIOD Shows That Disputes Have Arisen With Germany and Great Britain, and That Several Matters Still Are in Suspense.

THE HAGUE (via London), July 23.—The long-expected orange book, covering the period from October, 1915, to July of the present year, was issued to-day. It vividly illustrates the difficulties with which Holland has had to deal, owing to her geographical situation between the belligerents. The record shows that disputes have arisen with Germany and Great Britain, the progress of which was followed with the deepest interest, mixed with anxiety, by the entire Dutch nation. The orange book has been delayed for months in the hope that some settlements of the questions at issue would be reached, but several matters are still in suspense, it says, and some apparently in hopeless deadlock. The principal of these matters is the sinking of the Dutch liner Tubantia, which is at the stage which had been reported on June 9, when, on the ground of elaborate technical evidence, Germany declared the incident closed. "That no German warship had sunk the Tubantia. The Dutch government has determined to leaving nothing undone to obtain additional light on the matter, and has asked further information from Germany, with which confidential conversations are proceeding."

FULL REPARATION IS DEMANDED FOR ACT Another case dealt with is that of the destruction in April by a German submarine of the Dutch steamer Berkeleim. Holland sharply demanded full reparation for this act, and especially protested against the German submarine commander's alleged utterance that all goods bound for England were contraband and all ships bound for England would be sent to the bottom.

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